

Promotion of Talatis as Revenue Inspectors

144. Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Circle Inspectors of the Revenue Department in Belgaum District are designated as Revenue Inspectors ;

(b) whether S.S.L.C. passed persons/Matriculates have been posted as First Grade and Second Grade Inspectors in the Revenue Offices of Belgaum District and Vernacular final examination passed persons have been posted as Clerks in Tahsildar's and Taluka Board offices ;

(c) whether the vernacular final passed persons now appointed as clerks have been promoted from the original cadre of Talatis ;

(d) the reasons for not implementing the orders of erstwhile Bombay Government according to which the Talatis are to be promoted as second grade and first grade Revenue Inspectors and Circle Officers?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The orders of erstwhile Bombay Government according to which the Talatis are to be promoted as II Grade/I Grade Circle Inspectors and Circle Officers ceased to be in force on 9-6-1959, on which date the Mysore General Service (RSB) (Recruitment) Rules, 1959 have come into force.

Notice of Adjournment motion *re* : Proposals of the Government for abolition of Octroi by local bodies

Mr. SPEAKER.—I request Sri Shamanna to be very brief and speak on his notice of adjournment.

2-00 P.M.

† Sri T. R. SHAMANNA (Bangalore Fort).—In the Budget speech of the Hon. Minister for Finance, the octroi duty has been abolished. The Bangalore City Corporation is getting a revenue of Rs. 2.20 crores and if adequate compensation is not given, the financial position of the Corporation will be acute and it may not be in a position to run the administration. Normally if small compensation is given, it may not be sufficient to run the administration. The revenue of the Corporation is Rs. 6 crores. If

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Rs. 2.20 crores is taken away and Rs. 2.40 crores is paid to the establishment, a small amount will be left for improvement of the City and this meagre amount is quite inadequate. In addition to this, the Corporation has to pay for water supply. Therefore, the Bangalore Corporation and other local bodies will suffer on account of the abolition of the octroi. I am afraid adequate compensation will not be given. The Present Government in its weakness is doing all sorts of things just to please the people. Such steps taken by this Government may come in the way of the future Government to do any useful work. Therefore, I request the Speaker to see that a discussion is allowed to look into the pros and cons.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance Planning and Youth Welfare).—I am afraid this matter hardly provides any material for adjournment motion. This is a policy matter announced by the Government and it is not as though this policy is going to be implemented immediately. Whatever the loss the Local Authorities including the Bangalore City Corporation will incur, will be compensated. We will solve this problem sitting with them. We will work out the details and give compensation. The hon. Member need not have any apprehension in this regard.

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA.—To quote a previous instance, I may mention here that in the case of Motor Vehicles Rs. 5½ lakhs compensation was fixed during 1956 and the same is being continued even upto date, though the vehicles have increased enormously. The compensation then fixed is still continued at the same rate. Therefore when once the compensation is fixed, it will be difficult to make it up. Now-a-days the needs of the citizens are increasing and the Corporation has to spend a lot to satisfy the needs of the citizens. Therefore in the interests of the citizens, steps should be taken to give sufficient compensation. Land Revenue is abolished just to get a name. It will be difficult for the future Government to implement it. These important points are to be discussed and therefore, I request the Speaker to admit this motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have heard the hon. Member. I can understand the hon. Members anxiety it is a question arising out of a policy statement made by the Finance Minister. It is for the House to advise the Government in what way they may proceed. hon. Member should be satisfied with the decision I have already communicated.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—All suggestions that have been given on the floor of the House, will be given due consideration before working out the details.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I withhold my consent to the adjournment motion.